

AGENDA



Thursday, April 19, 2007

**Parks and Recreation
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 6**

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City and the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) to conduct a Lake Austin boating use study in an amount not to exceed \$71,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Operating Budget for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) has a contract with Texas A & M University to conduct recreational boating use studies on Lake Travis and Lake LBJ. LCRA will include Lake Austin in the boating use study upon approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Austin. Council authorization is requested to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement with LCRA to incorporate Lake Austin in the boating study. Current information on the rapidly evolving patterns of water-related recreational will better inform the Parks and Recreation Department (PARC) and the Parks Board in the exercise of their regulatory duties and management of lake-front parks.

This Interlocal Agreement will stipulate that the City of Austin reimburse LCRA for the cost of adding Lake Austin to the study in an amount not to exceed \$71,000. The City will benefit from a professional, comprehensive analysis of boating trends at a lower cost than if a single lake study was commissioned. If the lake levels are determined by LCRA staff to be so low in April 2007 that the boating use conditions would not represent an average recreational boating season, the study period shall be postponed one year.